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TAGS: SHUM, UY

SUBJECT: BUTLER REACTION TO GOU EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

REF: MONTEVIDEO 1209 AND 1203

1. FULL TEXT OF REFTELS READ TO BUTLER BY PHONE. HIS SCHEDULED TRIP TO WASHINGTON ON APRIL 11 WAS POSTPONED TO APRIL 25 BECAUSE TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESSMAN FRASER HAD BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THE LATTER DATE.

2. BUTLER STATED THAT HIS FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE GOU STATEMENT WAS IN THE SPIRIT OF DIALOGUE. WHILE THE STATEMENT SOUNDED DEFENSIVE OF GOU POLICIES, IN MOST

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INSTANCES HE FELT IT WAS "EXTREMELY ACCURATE". BUTLER ADDED THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW THE GOU COULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING ELSE BUT ISSUE SUCH A STATEMENT.

3. THE STATEMENT DID NOT ATTACK THE ABA MISSION, BUTLER NOTED. TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVE DIALOGUE, BUTLER STATED THAT THERE MUST BE BALANCE IN THE EXCHANGE AND CLEARLY AN ABSENCE OF EXTREME POSITIONS BY BOTH PARTIES. THEREFORE, HE IS PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH THE GOU EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND CONTINUES TO BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE RESULTS OF HIS MISSION. HE FEELS THAT URUGAYAN PUBLIC OPINION WILL PICK UP ON THE SUBJECT BECAUSE OF THE PRESS COVERAGE AND ABA AND GOU STATEMENTS, AND THE GOU WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE.

4. BUTLER ALSO TALKED TO CONGRESSMAN FRASER BY PHONE APRIL 10. HE REPORTED THAT FRASER WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OPENING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS IN URUGUAY. PREVIOUSLY, ALL HE HAD HEARD ABOUT THAT COUNTRY WAS NEGATIVE. BUTLER INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO WAIT ABOUT SIX MONTHS BEFORE TESTIFYING

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ON THE RESULTS OF HIS VISIT TO URUGUAY.

5. REGARDING A RETURN VISIT, BUTLER INDICATED THAT HE IS  
FULLY BOOKED FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1978, BUT IS WILLING TO  
CONSIDER THE QUESTION LATER IN THE YEAR. VANCE

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